

Notice to contributors

WILDFOWL publishes, once a year, papers and shorter communications dealing with the biology and conservation of wildfowl (Anseriformes), of their wetland habitat and of ecologically associated birds, such as waders, rails and flamingos. The biology of domestic ducks and geese is also of interest, as is aviculture. Review-type articles and brief progress reports are particularly sought. They, and original full-length papers, should not be highly technical but written so that they are understandable by workers in other fields, and by intelligent laymen.

Submission of material

Papers are accepted on the understanding that they have not been offered for publication elsewhere.

Texts and tables

Contributions can be type-written, double-spaced and with good margins on both sides of the sheet, and tables typed on separate sheets together with their title. It is preferable that authors also submit their material in WordPerfect or, failing that, as ASCII files on IBM compatible 5.25 or 3.5 inch disks.

Drawings and diagrams

Drawings and diagrams should be done in black ink on good quality drawing paper, or on faintly ruled grey or blue graph paper. Lettering and numbering that form part of the diagram should be entered in pencil, as the publishers will enter these in the correct style. Titles and captions should be typed separately. Drawings and diagrams should be prepared about twice or three times their printed size and allowance made for this reduction. When laying out tables and diagrams, the proportions of the page should be borne in mind; it is preferable that they fit horizontally on the page, either in single or double column width, though exceptionally they may take a full page lengthways.

Conventions

Authors are particularly requested to follow the convention and style used in *WILDFOWL* 43. English names of birds should have a capital letter for each word, except after a hyphen, e.g. Tufted Duck, Red-crested Pochard, but group terms should not, e.g. whistling ducks, swans. Scientific names should be underlined (but not put in brackets) and used in the title and immediately after the first mention of the English name. Nomenclature and classification should follow *A Coloured Key to the Wildfowl of the World* (Scott 1957, as revised 1988). Dates should take the form '1 January 1968', and winter seasons the form '1968-69'. It is especially helpful if reference lists are set out correctly, and these should take the form:

Salomonsen, F. 1968. The moult migration. *Wildfowl* 19:5-24.

Scott, P. & Boyd, H. 1957. *Wildfowl of the British Isles*. Country Life, London.

References within the text should be in the form 'Salomonsen (1968)'; '(Salomonsen 1968)' or 'Scott & Boyd (1957)'.

A short summary mentioning the main conclusions, and suitable for abstracting, should be given at the beginning of all papers, except for brief progress reports.

Proofs and reprints

Proofs of contributions are sent to authors for checking and it would be appreciated if these could be returned promptly. After publication, 25 reprints are offered free to authors of papers (15 each in the case of joint authors); further reprints, charged at cost, can be provided if ordered when proofs are returned.

Photographs

Photographs, appropriately captioned, of ducks, geese and swans (black and white, of good contrast and printed on glossy paper) are welcomed, either as illustrations to papers or for publication in their own right. Photographers retain the copyright of their work.

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Deadline

The deadline for the receipt of manuscripts is the end of February for publication in November of the same year. Manuscripts should be sent to The Editor, *WILDFOWL*, The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucester GL2 7BT, UK.



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The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust was founded in 1946 by Sir Peter Scott and has as its aims:

- the conservation of the world's wildfowl and wetlands, by providing reserves, managing habitats, studying needs, breeding in captivity, promoting protective measures, and enlightening people.
- the scientific study of ducks, geese and swans and of the wetlands which form their home, and making use of the results of such studies.
- the sharing of knowledge, understanding and appreciation of wildfowl, wetlands and nature conservation in general, both with visitors to our Centres and with the whole community.
- the provision of uplifting recreational opportunities, by bringing together in their wetland habitat wildfowl and people, young and old, fit and disabled.

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